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SUB: RESEARCH VESSEL ATLANTIS II

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1. WOODS HOLE REPORTS ATLANTIS II DEPARTED PORT OF SPAIN
DECEMBER 3. THEY ARE TRYING TO RADIO SHIP TO OBTAIN
PRECISE TRACK, BUT THEIR BEST ESTIMATE IS VESSEL ARRIVED
CARIACO TRENCH WORK AREA DECEMBER 5. PROBABLY ONE AND A
HALF OR TWO DAYS ON STATION BEFORE PUERTO SANTO CONTACT.
DEPT ADVISED WOODS HOLE OF EMBASSY'S RECEIPT OF VESSEL'S
CABLE; THEY STATE DECISION ON ATLANTIS II'S DEPARTURE
DATE WILL BE MADE THEIR END, NOT ABOARD SHIP.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CABLE TO DR. CALVANI:QTE THE
WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION PRESENTS ITS RESPECTS
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA AND URGENTLY REQUESTS THE
CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATTER. THE OCEANOGRAPHIC
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RESEARCH VESSEL ATLANTIS II WHICH IS OWNED AND OPERATED

BY THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND WHILE ENGAGED IN A MICROBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH EXPERIMENT IN THE DEEP WATERS OF THE CARIACO TRENCH OUTSIDE VENEZUELAN TERRITORIAL WATERS WAS REQUESTED BY THE ANV PUERTO SANTO (H-01) ON DECEMBER 7, 1973 IN POSITION 10 DEGREES S 37 MINUTES NORTH AND 65 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST TO CEASE OPERATIONS AND DEPART. THE ATLANTIS II IMMEDIATELY COMPLIED AND IS NOW AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. THE WOODS HOLE

OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION IS A PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORY INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, USA THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE R/V ATLANTIS II TO RETURN TO THE AREA OF THE PRIOR POSITION AND CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 10-14, 1973. THE NATURE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY THE BACTERIAL AND BIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN THE DEEP WATER AND SEDIMENTS OF THIS UNIQUE OCEANIC BASIN. A REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CRUISE AND ALL RESULTS WILL BE MADE FREELY AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA. SCIENTISTS AND/OR OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME TO BOARD THE ATLANTIS II AND PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK. THIS RESEARCH IS A PART OF THE UNESCO COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE CARIBBEAN (CICAR). THE FAVOR OF A QUICK REPLY IS URGENTLY REQUESTED. RESPECTFULLY, PAUL M. FYE, DIRECTOR, WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION. UNQTE KISSINGER

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